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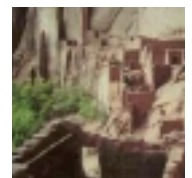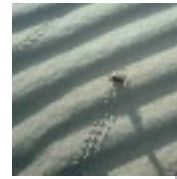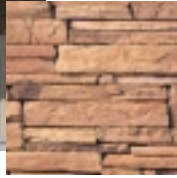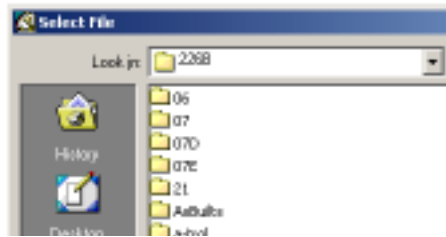
More Release 2000i Tips!

AutoCAD Favorites

Almost certainly, you use the Favorites feature of your web browser. You find a web site you like, and if you return to it often, you probably make it a 'favorite'. AutoCAD 2000i can use favorites to store shortcuts to frequently used project folders.

It's easy to use favorites. Try the following exercise:

1] In AutoCAD, click from the pull-down menu **File → Open**, or click the Open icon.

2] In the Select File dialog, navigate to a project folder of your choice. In the example on the right, I used P:\Zion\226B.

3] To make the current folder (in this example, P:\Zion\226B) a favorite, click **Tools → Add to Favorites → Add 226B to Favorites**.

4] Now that you have a favorite, click the **Favorites** icon on the left side of the Select File dialog.

To jump directly to the Zion\226B folder, double-click on the **226B** shortcut.

5] Repeat steps 1-3 to create additional favorite shortcuts. Click the favorites icon (step 4) when you want to use your favorites.

HINT: You can rename a shortcut - right-click on it, and choose rename.

Double-click to Edit

Double-click that text! To edit text or attributes in AutoCAD 2000i, double-click on the text or block with attributes, and the appropriate Text Editor dialog box will open.

Double-click on a **text** object - get the **text editor** dialog

DOUBLE-CLICK ME TO EDIT
I AM AUTOCAD TEXT

Double-click on a block (without attributes), or an external reference, to begin the REFEDIT command. Refedit lets you edit a block without exploding it, or edit an external reference without opening the external reference file.

Double click on other objects and you'll get the Properties dialog.

Customize Your Toolbars

Using AutoCAD 2000i, you'll notice AutoCAD has added some new toolbar buttons, and removed some too. Do you miss having the Distance toolbar button on your Standard AutoCAD toolbar? Would you like to add a button for single line text on your Draw toolbar? You can modify your toolbars, and AutoCAD 2000i makes it easier than ever…

1] Right-click over any toolbar button, then choose **Customize** (it's at the bottom). In the Commands tab, select the **Tools** Category.

2] In the **commands** area of the Customize window, locate **Distance**. Drag and drop Distance (either the icon or the text 'Distance') to a toolbar of your choice. It's that easy!

3] Now add the Dtext command button to your Draw Toolbar: In the Customize window, select

the **Draw** category. Locate the **Dtext** command in the **Commands** area.

4] Drag and drop Dtext to your Draw toolbar. I like having the Dtext icon next to the Mtext icon, which is already present on the Draw toolbar.

5] To delete a toolbar button, right-click over it, then choose **Delete**. When you're finished customizing, click **Close** in the Customize window.